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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Brigade Command Language Program Council Minutes, May 2002

1. The Brigade Command Language Council met at 1600 hours on 14 May 2002 in Monterey, California during DLI's annual Command Language Program Managers Seminar. Attendees included MAJ Steve Stevens (300th), CW2 David Miles (300th), CPT Curtis Turner (141st), SSG Carol Hopkins (142nd), MAJ Derek Tolman (142nd), MAJ Michael Porter (D/142), SSG Mike Marciello (E/223), CPT Keith Overton (260th), MAJ Benjamin Lacey (260th), MSG Jacques Lagas (260th), and CPT Jerry Dezsofi (341st).

2. Topics discussed from the agenda included:

a. Hot or Suspense Items.

(1) New CLPM. The brigade's new full-time CLPM, CW2 David Miles, formally introduced himself, after having met all the battalion attendees at the seminar informally.

(2) Language MTTs. We reminded the battalions that we will still be hosting MTTs from DLI for Arabic, German, Russian, and Spanish from 2 to 15 June in Draper, Utah. We can still accept students in some of the languages.

(3) Linguist of the Year. MAJ Stevens introduced the brigade's Linguist of Year plan for FY02, which COL Ainscough recently signed. The suspense for nominations to brigade is 15 June. Please see attached memo on the program itself, as well as the memo announcing this year's essay topic and suspense date.

(4) Linguist Newsletter. Submissions are due 1 July 2002. Battalions should submit their 3/3 DLPT roster for the honor roll and are encouraged to submit at least one other article.

(5) ICC. We will proceed with conducting another iteration of the ICC during the first 2 weeks of August. We have approximately 10 seats available but need to solidify the student population as quickly as possible to allow DLI the maximum amount of time to tailor the course to our needs. The brigade CLPM will attend. Battalion CLPMs are invited. A separate memo will be coming on this shortly.

b. Regular Review Items.

(1) Technology.

(a) Web Site. We reminded battalions that the Web site continues to grow and solicited their input to make it more relevant.

(b) Database. CW2 Miles major responsibility as the new CLPM will be to complete the database.

(2) Inventories. We are still looking from input from the battalions to get an inventory of their language materials on line so soldiers know what training aids they can access.

c. Other Review Items from Past Meetings.

(1) MLI Initiative. MAJ Stevens has meetings with various DLI administrators to further discuss the concept and status of exporting DLI's Military Language Instructor program to the brigade. He will report on it during the next language council meeting.

(2) Contract Language Program. We need to put the overhaul of the contract language program back on the table to clear up unresolved issues and improve this integral part of our CLPs.

(3) TALP Guidance. Accompanying these minutes are two documents that will provide some, albeit it limited and not original, guidance on TALP per the request made during our council meeting in March. The first is a brigade memorandum on the use of 65 funds. It is primarily an in-state (Utah) document which may or may not be beneficial to the other battalions. The second is just some main points from the regulations regarding the use of TALP.

d. New Items.

(1) NSA Language Materials. MAJ Stevens had copies of language materials developed by NSA for the 260th and 341st. He will make copies and send disks to the other battalions. The materials consisted of two CD-roms:

(a) Russian Language Mentor. This is a language enhancement tool designed to help Russian linguists achieve and maintain a 3/3.

(b) Chinese Bootstrap Exercises and Chinese Aural Comprehension Exercises. The Bootstrap Exercises are designed to help Chinese linguists achieve a 2/2; the Aural Comprehension Exercises target achieving a 3 in listening.

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(2) Exercise Assistance. MAJ Stevens relayed a request from DLI for assistance with the language exercises they conduct with graduating classes. They are looking for assistance in scenario development, running the exercise, and reserve integration. Unfortunately, they don't have any funds to provide. If units are interested in participating during IDT or helping develop the scenario, contact MAJ Stevens to get more information or to get the information on the POC at DLI.

(3) Language Training Opportunities. We reviewed the various language training opportunities available during the rest of the fiscal year. The original intent was to provide options to commanders for training linguists in the three languages for which we had to cancel MTTs due to insufficient numbers of students (Chinese, Japanese, and Korean). These are explained in detail in the attachment titled "alternatives.doc." Although it focuses on the three languages specified above, there are opportunities for other languages at each organization mentioned.

3. Next Meeting. The next Brigade Command Language Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 20 June 2002 at 1800 hours in Draper.

4. Any questions may be directed to the Brigade Language Support Officer at (801) 620-1907 (DSN 766-3907) or Brigade Command Language Program Manager at (801) 523-4258.

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